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## Financing Japanese Recovery

Washington, May 22.  
A War and State Department spokesman today said General MacArthur is considering using Japan's \$130,000,000 gold reserve to further finance Japan's industry recovery.  
A representative of the War Department Civil Affairs division, directing Japan's international trade, said: "Funds may be used to finance self-liquidating enterprises such as the import of raw materials that can be exported in finished form to repay the advance."  
The State Department spokesman declined to reveal details of the project. He said: "MacArthur has the authority to use these funds. The project is under discussion here and likely will be perfected shortly."  
War Department Civil Affairs officials are known to be vigorously seeking funds to finance further Japanese imports such as cotton.  
Discussions regarding this financing are going on with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington.  
The Export-Import Bank is also considering financing a private corporation with a similar objective. —Associated Press.

## Smuggling On K.C.R.

Canton, May 21.  
The Ministry of Communications has requested the Kwangtung Provincial Government to cooperate with the board of the Canton-Hankow railway to suppress smuggling on the Canton-Kowloon Railway.  
There has been a serious amount of rice smuggling on the latter railway during the past few months—the illegal activity being "smoothed" by the payment of bribes to railway personnel and engineers on the trains.  
The Provincial Government has been instructed to appoint "proper persons" to curb the situation and is expected to take thorough and strict measures in the near future. —KPN.

## American Plans For World Economy

Washington, May 20.  
The top-policy planning committee of the State Department, in conjunction with other United States Government agencies, is interested in the problem of carrying out an exhaustive study of the whole economic and political situation in Europe, the Far East, the Middle East and Latin America, the Secretary of State, General Marshall, disclosed today.  
He added that in the meantime he foresaw no further request to the United States Congress for relief or other aid programmes in the near future.  
General Marshall, however, did not preclude the possibility of the United States making new and perhaps large-scale relief or other foreign economic contributions after the study was completed but he was not prepared at present to make a statement on what might develop in the future.  
Specifically, he refused to comment on the reports that the Administration should re-institute the multi-million dollar lend-lease programme for worldwide economic reconstruction.  
He stressed that his planning committee was going into the world economic situation fully and attempting to achieve an overall view and an overall policy from it.  
**Aid For Korea**  
General Marshall said that the proposed aid for Korea would be requested of Congress shortly in the form of War Department appropriations for occupation costs.  
He added that no decision had been taken on the granting of \$500,000,000 by the Export-Import Bank, earmarked for China. He disclosed that he had been studying the Chinese situation

# S'HAH. EXCITEMENT GOES ON

## Rival Student Groups At Loggerheads

## Big Demonstration For To-Day

Shanghai, May 22.  
Brawls between students, and police attempts to break up student meetings kept excitement at a high pitch on college campuses throughout Shanghai today. Several students were reported injured, some seriously, in fights between striking and non-striking students.  
The "back to class" movement which gained momentum a few days ago was reported to have been abandoned after a clash between students and police at Nanking.  
Two officials of the Student Association which has been agitating for the continuation of the student strike demonstrations were reported kidnapped by unidentified persons.  
Forty-eight other members, allegedly on the black list, have gone into hiding for fear of violence.  
At the National Chiao Tung University, several non-striking students were injured seriously in a fight. The injured included 20 former members of the Youth Army, now students. When members of the 202nd Division of the Youth Army rushed to the campus to rescue the former soldiers, the gendarmes intervened.  
**Police Seized**  
Three Shanghai law college students were injured in a fracas which also was stopped by the police. Six students were arrested.  
Armed police failed to break up student meetings at the Shanghai Medical College and the National Chiao Tung University where the students proposed shifting the nationwide "End the Civil War" demonstration scheduled for June 2 to an earlier date.  
At Tientsin two policemen were reported to have been seized as hostages by Nankai University students following the arrest of several classmates during the anti-civil war demonstrations.  
All were released including the police. Several Peking University students who had been arrested also were released.  
At Peking students of nine universities voted to extend the

## Strike Today

Shanghai, May 22.  
Despite the local military authorities' strict order banning all strikes and demonstrations, student representatives of 37 universities and colleges decided at a meeting last night to call on all educational institutions here to stage a one-day general student strike tomorrow in protest against the Nanking May 20 incident.  
Whether the strike will eventually, however, be problematized as the local student world is now split into two groups—one favouring an immediate return to classes and the other protest demonstrations.  
Meanwhile, a report appearing in the "Shun Pao," one of the largest vernacular newspapers in China, claimed that the Communists are actively trying to organize a nationwide general strike of students, shop assistants and labourers, to be staged on June 2. —Reuter.

## Peiping Incident

Peiping, May 22.  
A gang of 40 persons smashed windows of the Peiping newspaper, Kuo Min Pao, and ransacked the editor and manager in what appeared to be the aftermath of the students' anti-civil war demonstrations.  
The paper, which is privately owned but has financial support of the Ministry of National Defense, gave prominence to the students' strike and expressed sympathy to their demands for increased food allowances.  
The Municipal Police, meanwhile, issued a proclamation prohibiting strikes, demonstrations and parades and said it would declare martial law in the event of further student labour trouble. —Associated Press.

## Labour M.P.'s In Squabble

London, May 21.  
Labour M.P.s, in a private meeting in the House of Commons today, clashed in a two and a half hours' discussion over the position of "Labour rebels" such as the 78 who voted against Government on the issue of peacetime conscription.  
Loyalists demanded the restoration of standing orders which would result in the expulsion of members flagrantly disobeying Party orders, but after heated debate this motion was defeated.  
The meeting finally passed a resolution that on all troublesome questions Labour M.P.s should hold a special meeting in advance, at which the pros and cons could be ventilated and, if possible, a general agreement reached. This compromise was offered by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Party leader. —United Press.

## Must Help

Washington, May 21.  
The Undersecretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in a nationwide radio broadcast, said today that the United States must continue in 1948 and 1949 to spend billions of dollars to help other countries, or the world (including the United States) will drop into economic collapse.  
Mr. Acheson said Europe and Asia were able to sell the United States only half as much this year as they needed to buy here in order to keep warm and rebuild their countries.  
He added: "Unless we continue to help

## IRGUN READY FOR TRUCE

Jerusalem, May 22.  
Menachem Beigin, commander of the Jewish extremist organ Irgun Zvai Leumi, told the United Press in an exclusive written interview today that "soldiers of Irgun" were prepared to call a truce in the Holy Land while the future of Palestine is being considered by the United Nations provided the truce was not a one-sided affair. —United Press.

## British Spy Arrested By Soviet

London, May 21.  
The Foreign Office says that it has "conclusive evidence" that Russian Secret Police arrested missing Reginald Barratt, Warrant Officer in the Royal Air Force more than two years ago.  
The Foreign Office identified Barratt as a British spy who worked in German occupied Hungary.  
Barratt is still missing. Mr. Bevin took the matter up with the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, receiving from Molotov what the Foreign Office calls an "unsatisfactory" reply. —Associated Press.

## SMITHFIELD STRIKE

London, May 22.  
One thousand five hundred truck drivers struck suddenly at London's giant Smithfield Market today tying up meat deliveries for the whole city.  
Market porters and handlers stood by without working in sympathy. Several thousand tons of meat were in the market. It will keep only about three days.  
The drivers struck over the firing of two men by a hailing firm. If the strike continues all London's supplies of rationed meat will be badly affected within four days. —United Press.

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## Lovers' Death Ceremony

Paris, May 22.  
A lock of hair from the head of each of the lovers burned to ashes and the ashes mixed with their blood in an ancient Indo-Chinese vow affection.  
The Paris Assize Court was told yesterday that the ceremony forced Nöuyen Han to stab his pretty young mistress, Germaine Souillot, to death.  
Han said the trouble evolved from money shortage and the lovers could not separate because of the vow. It only remained for Souillot and Han to carry out the death ceremony which consisted of slashing each other in the stomach and then following through with the fatal stabbing.  
The weird ordeal began with Souillot cutting Han who was soon covered with his own blood. He told the court he began lashing out at his mistress with a knife, stabbing her 16 times seven of which the court decided would have caused death.  
Han said he became too weak to carry out the balance of the ceremony—death for himself. In response to the court question of why he did not complete the vow later, he said he had remembered the other ancient obligation—that of informing one's parents before one took one's own life.  
Han was sentenced to ten years in prison in solitary confinement. —United Press.

## TOO RESPECTABLE TO STRIKE?

London, May 21.  
The Civil Service Clerical Association today passed by an overwhelming majority for submission to its National Executive Committee a resolution urging the adoption of a strike policy and the setting up of a strike fund. "In view of the unwarranted delay" in settling 18-month-old pay claims.  
Mr. L. C. White, General Secretary of the Association to which most of workers in Government offices belong, said that if there was 100 per cent demand for a strike, he would lead it.  
"But I believe that many of our established members are so respectable in their outlook that they would not support taking strike action on a large scale," he concluded. —Reuter.

## Roxas Plane Crashes On Mountain

Manila, May 22.  
President Manuel Roxas' personal luxury plane, Lili Marlene was found today wrecked on a Mindanao mountainside and the 12 or more high Filipino Government officials and crew of seven aboard were feared dead.  
The President was not aboard.  
Air searchers spurred by Roxas himself in one of the biggest air hunts found the unburned wreckage four days after the plane vanished.  
Incorrectly charted maps which show the towering Mount Katanglad in the wild Bukidnon plateau region of North Central Mindanao as 7,800 instead of its true height of 9,300 feet apparently brought about the disaster.  
It was found at 8.30 p.m. smashed flat against the cloud-obscured northern slopes only 600 feet below the peak.  
While ground searching parties were hastily organized under the personal direction of Gen. Rafael Jalandani, Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army, at Cagayan, air searchers could observe no trace of life near the wreckage.  
Seven crew members and four high government officials were officially listed aboard the plane, but there was no mention of the number of passengers. The wreckage was found near

## RICE HITS A NEW HIGH

Shanghai, May 22.  
Rice prices continued today to skyrocket to a new high at CN\$300,000 per picul as supplies failed to arrive from rice-producing areas.  
Dealers and the authorities in the rice-producing areas prohibited the export and transport of rice because of increase of prices in those areas and the authorities were trying to bring them down. —Associated Press.

## Dollar Scarcity Action

London, May 22.  
The "Daily Mail's" financial editor, L.D. Williams, stated today that Canada may join Britain and other countries in a drastic curtailment of United States imports in order to conserve United States dollars.  
The arrival of Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, in London to join in the present important talks taking place in London on the world famine of United States dollars "has strengthened the expectation that Ottawa may soon call a halt to this mounting dollar debt."  
As Canada's best market, Britain is closely concerned with the dollar position. Any action by the two countries to slash their United States imports is likely to be taken simultaneously... since Canada can't go on paying America—the gets paid more dollars from Britain than Britain can get enough dollars from her own customers—the need for joint action in curtailing United States imports is obvious. —United Press.

## Lynch Trial Acquittal

Greenville, May 22.  
The nation's biggest lynch trial in history ended last night in the full acquittal of all the 28 defendants charged with the lynching of Willie Earle, a negro, on Feb. 16.  
It took the jury of nine textile hands, two salesmen and one farmer only five hours and 15 minutes to reach the verdict clearing the defendants on all four counts of murder, conspiracy and accessory before and after the fact.  
The clerk had to read out 98 sections of the complicated indictment but all the 98 were "not guilty" and the reading was completed in 40 minutes. —United Press.

## Yard Breaks Up The Gangs

London, May 21.  
It is believed that from five to seven underworld gangs in London have been broken up and others are scared to operate following the recent intensive campaign by Scotland Yard.  
The campaign began to be really effective after an outbreak of gunmen crimes in the last few weeks.  
The efforts of the Yard have been particularly directed against gangs working for blackmailers.  
For weeks, picked detectives have been mixing with the underworld, visiting prisons, sleeping in common lodging houses and generally associating with the criminal population to such extent that the fear of the police has frightened the underworld considerably. —Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

The anticyclone has remained almost stationary over the British Isles. An anticyclonic depression centred over the Tokyo area moving N.W. From it a regular trough extends across Formosa and the Philippines and another depression over the Pacific.  
Today's Forecast: Moderate S. wind, sunny, weather continuing unsettled with occasional rain, heavy at times.  
Yesterday's Weather: 10.5 to 12.5 inches. Maximum 70 deg. F. Minimum 58 deg. F. Rainfall 0.3 inch. Total since Jan. 1: 11.5 inches. No snow on ground since Jan. 1: 41.5 inches.  
Readings at:  
London at 4 p.m. 64.0 deg. F. Bar. at 4 p.m. 30.0 in. Hg. Wind at 4 p.m. 10.0 m.p.h. Humidity 75% Dew Point 58.0 deg. F. Wind Direction S.W. Wind Force 2.0 m.p.h.

## CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY

## SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS

Nanking, May 22.  
China's foreign policy must be one which seeks world peace and the key to peace is closer cooperation with the Big Four, Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh declared at today's session of the People's Political Council.  
Minister Wang made this statement in reply to verbal interpellations received from PPC members, one of whom advocated an open anti-Soviet policy.  
This Councillor, Mr. Hsieh Ming Shao, member from Szechuen, stated that he favoured Mr. Churchill's speech in America on the new imperialism and President Truman's Russian policy. He proposed that China should begin an anti-Soviet movement and since her military power is not great, to join with other nations in a bloc against Communism.  
Replying to questions put to him, Minister Wang said that China can best contribute to world peace by seeking closer cooperation with her former allies, Britain, the United States, U.S.S.R. and France, and working with them towards an amicable settlement of international issues.  
Without cooperation, war may again break out, he warned.  
**Return Of H.H.**  
In an address at the beginning of the PPC meeting, the Foreign Minister reported on relations with the Big Four, Japan, policy, the problem of Korea and the problem of overseas Chinese.  
Commenting on Sino-British relations, Mr. Wang reported that the main obstacle in the way of signing a treaty of navigation and commerce concerned Chinese residents in British colonies. At present, the Foreign Ministry is waiting for the British reply to a Chinese note on the subject.  
He expressed the belief that the question of Hong Kong and Kowloon will eventually be settled and that Britain may voluntarily relinquish its control of the colony.  
**U.S. Aid**  
Minister Wang, speaking on Sino-American relations, praised General George Marshall's mediation efforts in China and expressed gratitude for the part General Marshall played in repatriating 3,000,000 Japanese from China.  
China urgently needs United States aid, both financial and material, he stated. During the past year, only one tenth of China's cotton requirement was home produced while wheat production was also low. He said that the Shanghai textile corporations without United States assistance would be closed today.  
He revealed that negotiations and discussions were now in progress with the United States Government on a US\$500,000,000 loan which has been earmarked for China, as well as the United States US\$350,000,000 post-war relief programme (under which China will benefit with certain European nations) and a US\$200,000,000 credit for the improvement of Sino-American cultural relations.  
He gave the assurance that if the \$500,000,000 loan is granted, China would use it only for rehabilitation and production purposes in order to stabilize its people's livelihood.  
**Relations With Soviet**  
Continuing, the Foreign Minister said that China has followed a policy towards Russia based on adherence to the Sino-Soviet treaty.  
The Soviet Union has assured China that the taking over of Daren and Port Arthur will not be obstructed, that safety will be guaranteed to administrative personnel who enter, and that China's police may enter the areas. Minister Wang announced. However, discussions were still in progress. (Continued on Page 10)

## AUSTIN ROAD HOLD-UP

Leung Kin-sheung, a factory manager, reported to the police that he was held up, assaulted and robbed in Austin Road near Gun Club Hill by two Europeans at 5.30 last evening.  
The Europeans were described as wearing white shirts and blue trousers. Leung was robbed of \$63 in cash, a Waltham wrist-watch and two fountain pens.

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# RENTS ORDINANCE PASSED

## Mr. MacDougall's Tribute To Tribunals

### Coming Events

May 24—H.K. & Yau-nan Ferry, annual meeting, noon.  
May 24.26 Whitson Race meeting.  
May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.  
May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's office, noon.  
May 31—China President annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.  
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.  
June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.  
June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

### TO BE WED

The forthcoming wedding of William George Morrison, Yau-nan Ferry Station, to Miss Jean Tait, on route to Hong Kong by the s.s. "Empress of Scotland" is announced.

## Example Of Real Public Spirit

The Landlords and Tenants Ordinance 1947, permitting a rent increase of 30 per cent for tenements and 45 per cent for shops over the December 1941 level, became law yesterday as it passed the third reading in Legislative Council.

At the last meeting of Council, the report of the Standing Law Committee making certain recommendations on the original Bill was laid on the table, and yesterday the Bill amended to incorporate such recommendations was put to the vote. The Attorney General, moving adoption of the amended Bill, said:

"Honourable members will recall that at the last meeting of this Council the report of the Standing Law Committee on the Bill shortly entitled the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance 1947 was presented to this Council."

Council. The report submitted a number of recommendations and a reprint of the Bill which embodied such recommendations. Such reprint of the Bill has in the interval been published. In these circumstances I ask permission of the Council under standing order 27 (14) to allow the Bill as reprinted and republished to be substituted for the Bill as read the second time."

### Public-Spirited Citizens

The motion was seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. R. R. Todd); and after the Bill had passed the Committee stage without amendment, it was put to the vote for the third reading and passed unanimously.

Council was then addressed by the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) who said:

"Now that this new Tenancy Bill has passed into law it seems proper that I should take this opportunity to acknowledge publicly a debt owing by the entire community of Hong Kong. I want to refer very briefly to the immensely valuable work performed over the past year by the public-spirited citizens who have manned the Tenancy Committee and the Tenancy Tribunals."

"The able chairman of the Tenancy Committee, Mr. Leo d'Almada is a member of this Council, and I would like here to pay public tribute to the admirable work which he and his colleagues have accomplished here during these past months. The panel of volunteer citizens who have kept the Tenancy Tribunals going week after week have, I think, also most richly earned the gratitude of the community. The work has been hard, and I fear that many of the Tribunal's achievements have been won only at grave sacrifice to members' leisure."

### To Continue

"The Tenancy Committee and the Tenancy Tribunals seem to me, and I am sure Council will agree, to be an outstanding example of real public spirit. The community is, in my opinion, lucky to have such men in its midst. "Honourable members will have observed in the Bill which we have just passed that the work of the Tribunal is to continue and will even be increased, and that their activities form a very important part of the new law. It seems right that we should here acknowledge the Colony's debt to these unself-regarding citizens, to whose continued sense of public duty the working of tenancy law will lie so heavily."

## Urban Council Ordinance

Yesterday's session of Legislative Council was presided over by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.). Mr. B. C. Hawkins, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was sworn in as a member of Council.

The Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) moved the first, second and third reading of the Bill to amend the Urban Council (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 1946. He said:

"The Urban Council Ordinance, 1935, lays down that the composition of the Urban Council shall consist of a chairman, four ex-officio members and eight additional members. It further requires that of these eight additional members two shall be elected in the manner laid down. In May last year it was impossible to have a register of electors ready for electing these two additional members, and in consequence the Urban Council (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 1946 was passed."

"The effect of that Ordinance was to suspend for one year the necessity to elect these two additional members. The year expires on the 26th of this month but in view of the imminent substitution of the Urban Council by a Municipal Council it has been thought unnecessary and unjustifiable to hold the election now."

The need for getting the Bill through all stages at one sitting was explained by the Attorney General. Under the original Ordinance, a meeting of the Urban Council must be held every alternate week, and unless the new Bill was passed it would be necessary to excuse the meeting to be held next week or to make provisions in the Bill to make valid the acts transacted in the interval.

The Bill passed through all three readings with only one slight verbal amendment. Council adjourned to Thursday, June 5.

## JUDGMENT RESERVED

Judgment was reserved yesterday by the Full Court on the appeal brought by the Great China Hotel Co., Ltd., against the judgment of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) in favour of the Wo Hing Co., Ltd.

The Full Court comprised Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada of Castro, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, appeared for the Great China Hotel Co., Ltd. The Wo Hing Co., Ltd., were represented by Mr. Charles Loseby and Mr. B. A. Bergance, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

## DEATH PRESUMED

An application by Mrs. Mary Tsang of Holland House, 2nd floor, to presume the death of her late husband, Tsang (or Dong) Hin-ho, was granted by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, yesterday.

The deceased was said to have met his death on or after Jan. 16, 1945, in the Canton River whilst travelling from Macao to Canton on board the s.s. "Kwok Man Mar" which was attacked by Allied planes. Mr. J. M. Hall appeared on behalf of Mrs. Mary Tsang. Leave to presume the death of Tung P. Yung (or Tung Pak-yung) or Tung Pak-yung, granted by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, to Chow Yick-ho, lawful attorney for Fung Chai-chun, lawful widow and relict of the deceased.

It was stated that the deceased met his death in the China Sea about 80 miles north of Luzon in the Philippine Islands, while a passenger on board the Far East Air Transport Sky-master "Miss Luzon". The application was represented by Mr. M. W. Lo.

Arrested by St. N.A. Clarke and an R.A.F. squad in the early hours of May 21, selling vegetables wholesale at Tel. 11 Street, Chin-chu, 30, was fined \$500 for three months hard labour by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

## KING OF TICKET SCALPERS

Shanghai, May 22. The City police are holding Chung Ah-tai and claim that he is the "ticket-scalper king" in Shanghai having several times bought up practically all tickets for major football games and movie premieres, earning as much as CN\$4,000,000 (US\$100 at the black market rate) daily.—United Press.

## Boundary Street Shooting

Further details regarding the shooting of an armed Chinese by Police Lance Corporal Shi Tin-kwong at Boundary Street on April 5 were given by DSI C. Mottram in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday. Lo Ping-yu was charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition, receiving the arms and ammunition, causing grievous bodily harm to a constable, and stealing the revolver and ammunition from PCC So Yin on March 20.

It was alleged by DSI Mottram that PCC So Yin was on duty at Tam Kung Road, near Sung Wong Toi, when he was struck from behind as he was chasing another man across a field. When he was attacked, the first fugitive turned round and assaulted his assailant in knocking him unconscious and throwing him into a ditch.

A week later, the accused (alleged to be one of the men) was arrested by LCC Sin Tin-kwong at Boundary Street. On defendant's hand going towards his girdle, the constable opened fire, hitting the accused in the neck.

PCC So Yin is still a patient in the Kowloon Hospital, but his condition is improving and he will be resumed on May 28.

## Police Reserve Orders

Order No. 12 of 1947.—Traffic Police duties will be performed by members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve as from Tuesday, May 27, 1947. Twelve men will be detailed for this duty every night. Members detailed will be outside the Central Police Station Charge Room at 1745 hours sharp, as ordered. Dress: Khaki Shirts and Shorts; White and Longy; Cap: Belt; Hat: Topi. Members of the Reserve will parade at the H.K.P. (R) flag every Wednesday afternoon at 1800 hours and every Sunday morning at 1000 hours for band practice; until further orders.

Training Party 11—Members of No. 3 Company will parade at the H.K.P. (R) flag as detailed, every Monday and Tuesday, May 27, 1947 at 1745 hours. Identification Cards—Members of No. 3 Company are requested to send a copy of their latest photo to Mr. Chung Tung Wing, Secretary, H.K.P. (R) at the Police Reserve Room 152, Prince of Wales Hotel, 1st floor, at their earliest convenience. New Members who have not yet been issued with an identification card are also requested to send Mr. Chung their photo. Members will be informed through these orders when the cards are ready and they are requested to apply for same personally.

By Order,  
N. G. ROLPH.

Rungeon, May 21. Burma's share of reparations from Japan was discussed between the Burmese Government and the British Reparations Commission which has just left Rungeon for Tokyo after a brief stay here. U. Tan Ohn, the technical expert attached to the Burmese Government, accompanied the Mission.—Reuter.

# JOHNSTON CASE Reformatory Did Him No Good

Allegations that a witness, Carl Flick-Steger, was prejudiced against him as he (accused) had been an investigator under Capt. F. Farrell of the War Crimes Commission in Shanghai were made by F. H. Johnston at the Supreme Court yesterday before His Honour Justice E. H. Williams.

Johnston was charged on two counts of breach of the Defence Regulations with having, with intent to assist an enemy, worked in a German-controlled radio station in Shanghai and given information to the Germans with regard to British warships.

Johnston, in reply to questions by the Judge, said that he had only received additional evidence the day before. He had had no time to go through it. Johnston requested an adjournment of the case for a fortnight so that witnesses and evidence could come from Shanghai.

It was decided to carry on with the case, which could be adjourned later. Accused conducted his own defence and several times during the cross-examination was rebuked by the Judge.

Mr. Lonsdale dealt with the law as regards the status of a British subject.

"Under the British Nationality and Status of Alien Act of 1914, as amended by the British Nationality and Status of Alien Act of 1922, and republished in the 1915 and 1922 Hong Kong Regulations, Section 1 provides that a person whose father by birth is of British nationality becomes also of British nationality and a British subject."

### Crown's Duty

Asking the jury to consider only evidence presented in court and disregard anything they might have read in the press or any extraneous facts they might have learned from acquaintances, Mr. Lonsdale continued: "The two charges relate to similar offences which were committed in Shanghai by a British subject and which were likely to assist the enemy and done with the intention of assisting the enemy."

"I will refer to the exigencies of these two offences. First of all the accused is a British subject, who acted as a broadcaster of anti-Allied propaganda and, secondly, that he supplied information regarding Allied war vessels to the German Information Bureau in Shanghai."

"These are matters of fact which it is the duty of the Crown to prove. It is necessary to show also that these two types of acts are of a nature likely to assist the enemy. On those matters it is the duty of the Crown also to prove in this court that they are matters of fact, i.e. after hearing the evidence you must come to the conclusion beyond reasonable doubt that they are so."

### German's Story

Cross-examined by accused, Earl Flick-Steger said that he was born in Germany but did at one time hold an American passport. He came to Shanghai as a German and in 1937 gave up his American citizenship. He had turned his American passport in.

He knew Capt. F. W. Farrell, of the American War Crimes Commission in Shanghai, and he also knew that accused was employed as an investigator with Capt. Farrell.

Witness had returned his American passport to Capt. Farrell. Accused then put a number of questions to Flick-Steger which Justice Williams said were not relevant. Accused said:

"I wish to prove that witness is prejudiced against me because I was an investigator for the Americans in Shanghai. I wish to prove that what he says must be taken with a grain of salt."

Continuing, witness denied that he was a Nazi party member. His immediate superior was in Shanghai with him; he did not know who the head of the department was in Berlin. He came to Shanghai in December, 1940. He was in the German Army from March to October, 1940 as a Lieutenant. He had been employed on newspapers in Europe and was at one time employed by Hearst in America.

Questions To Witness. He had heard accused over XHFA. As far as he could recall it was a news programme in the morning.

He knew that a German and former employee of XGRS had been sentenced but did not know if this was the result of Johnston's investigation. Accused then put a number of questions to witness, which the court considered irrelevant and made a number of points of order.

## PLAGUE IN SAIGON

Saigon, May 21. Plague has broken out in Saigon, the city's health authorities reported today. "We are warning the people to get inoculated at once," they stated in an appeal. "Attacks so far have been few but indifference is dangerous."—Reuter.

examination to the evidence given and said that his behaviour was not helping him in his case.

"I have no case at all," said accused. "My evidence is all in Shanghai. If I could get them I would not be here at all." Did the radio station in Chungking quote Pat Kelly? asked accused.

"I don't remember mentioning Pat Kelly but the station was mentioned. It mentioned a few sentences from the Shanghai 'Walla Walla' programme," replied Flick-Steger.

Mention was made of an item concerning the number of dead bodies lying in Shanghai streets. German listening posts had informed him that Chungking had repeated and exploited this news item.

The case was adjourned till this morning.

## HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. Owens Hughes, Acting Commandant, H.K.V.D. Corps. Order No. 1747 dated May 22, 1947.

1. Appointments.—The following is an extract from the Hong Kong Government Gazette dated Friday, May 16, 1947. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Major Evan George Stewart, DSO, to be a member of the Hong Kong Volunteers' Dependents Advisory Committee with effect from 7th of May, 1947.

2. Information Required.—Anyone who has information concerning a will left by the late DRG Michael John Huban, who died of wounds in Stanley Hospital on December 22, 1941, is asked to communicate with the Adjutant.

3. Officers' Mess.—It is notified for information of all Officers of the Corps that the Officers' Mess will be open from 1100 hours to 1430 hours, and from 1820 hours until 2030 hours daily. It is hoped that as many Officers as possible will make use of the Mess during these hours.

4. Campaign Stars.—During the next few weeks every Volunteer will be receiving a form of application for the campaign stars, to which he is entitled by virtue of his war service. These forms will, so far as is possible, be completed by those Headquarters, and Volunteers are asked to verify the statements, and to sign the form, and return it to the Adjutant as quickly as possible. No mention will be made on these forms of the War Medal for which a separate procedure must be followed.

5. National Rifle Association.—Overseas Rifle and Pistol Matches—Overseas Rifle and Pistol Matches are being carried out to the Bluntwater Range. Practice Shoots for Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th are cancelled.

6. Holiday.—H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Monday, May 26, 1947.

7. 2nd Orders. Order No. 1747-1. Strongly recommended. 1708, C.B.M. House, 1, W. Field Ambulance, w.e.f. 23/4/47. 3610 Pte. Ribeiro, C.M.C.V., No. 3 Company w.e.f. 21/4/47.

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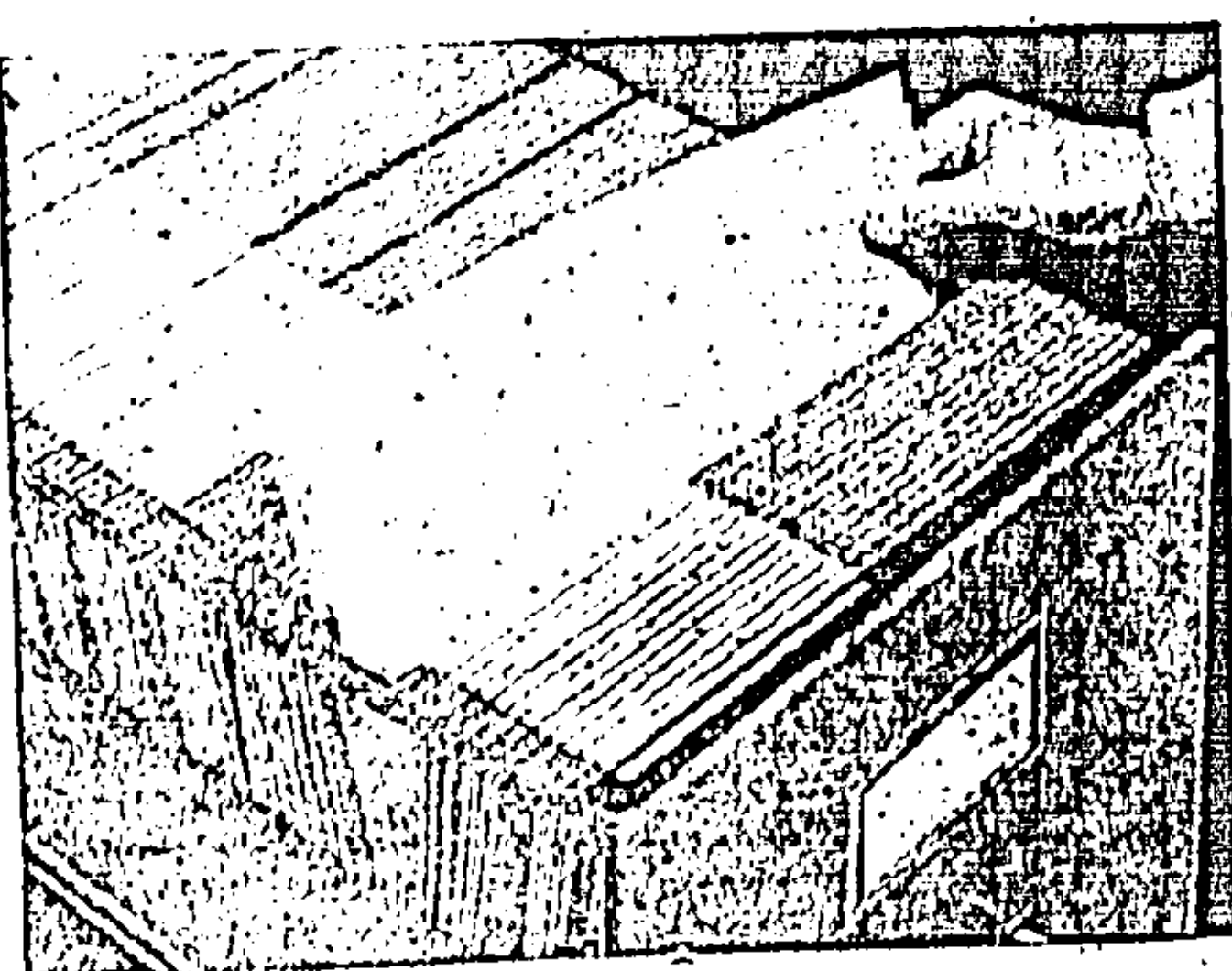
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### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, each Member to be responsible for all claims, etc.

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The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close each day at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.15 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2735).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, etc. The men, etc., are not permitted to operate in the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Privy Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found entering Club Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the premises.

By Order,  
C. S. HUI, Secretary.



# "A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE"

## British Labour Groups Condemn U.S. Aid To Greece And Turkey

### Margate Conference Resolution

Five divisional Labour parties announced today that they would ask the annual conference of Britain's majority Labour Party to condemn American aid to Greece and Turkey as a threat to world peace.

Their emergency resolution also demands United Nations investigation of American policy in Turkey on the grounds that this policy tends to produce international friction.

They said they could ask for a mission from the Standing Orders Committee to move the resolution as an emergency measure at the party conference opening in Margate next Monday.

The text of the resolution was as follows:—  
"Firstly, this conference notes that President Truman's decision to give military and economic assistance to Greece and Turkey was taken without consulting the British Government and in disregard of the obligations of the United Nations Charter."  
"Secondly, it is firmly of the opinion that the methods and purposes of this policy constitute a menace to world peace and are a negation of the democratic principles for the preservation of which the grave sacrifices of the last war were made."

"Thirdly, it believes that American policy in Turkey should be a subject for investigation under Article 34 of the (United Nations) Charter as tending to produce international friction."  
"Fourthly, it urges Government to propose to the Security Council that aid to Greece be given only in accordance with a plan drawn up by the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations and that Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union should jointly help the Greek people to stamp out Fascism as the three powers undertook to do at Tehran and Yalta."  
"Fifthly, it demands the immediate withdrawal from Greece of British police and military missions as well as remaining British troops."

#### Slap At Bevin

Adoption of the resolution

## "We Provide The Men"

The Labour party declares that it is willing to accept a global foreign policy to fit the gibe that "America provides the money while we provide the men."

"That suits us better than providing both the men and the money," the party said in a booklet called "Cards on the Table" a phrase used repeatedly by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin.

In an admitted answer to leftish Labour critics who contend that Britain clings too close to United States policies and shoves the Russians away, the book says "the Labour government does not propose to take sides in a line up for the next World War."

Reviewing Big Three relations, the booklet observes that for a Russia which foresaw a struggle with America, Britain was not a possible ally, for Britain could not under any circumstances adopt a policy which might lead to war against America.

Apart from all other considerations it observed that "Britain depends entirely on supplies imported by sea and could be defeated in a few weeks by the American fleet which—let it be noted—is now six times as big as Britain's fleet."

The booklet was designed partly to disarm critics who are shaping a heavy attack against Bevin's policies on the floor of next week's annual party conference at Margate.

"The aim of Anglo-American understanding is to prevent war by proving to Russia that an aggressive anti-British policy is doomed to frustration," it said.

It noted on the other hand, that "as long as Britain plays a decisive part in the defence

of American security it is impossible for America to adopt a policy of world aggression without British agreement."  
"The nature of the military cooperation between America and Britain makes it impossible for either to fight if the other remains neutral," the pamphlet asserted.—Associated Press.

## Pound Of Flesh

Wellington, N.Z. May 21.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, today expressed regret that Egypt, Iraq and other countries were trying to "squeeze" Britain for every penny she owed, without considering what Britain had done for them.

Mr. Fraser told a by-election crowd at Avon that if it had not been for Britain's action in the war "Mussolini would be ruling in Cairo and Hitler would be astride Iraq."

He said New Zealand would not join in the "stupid cry" that Britain was down and out.

"Britain will never be down and out!" Mr. Fraser said.—United Press.

## GERMAN POWS IN RUSSIA

London, May 21.—Mr. Richard Stokes (Lab.) demanded in the House of Commons today that Government explain what happened to 2,500,000 or more German prisoners reportedly held in Russia.

The Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary, Major C. P. Mayhew, repeated the figure of 800,000 prisoners listed by Russia at the Moscow conference.

He added that he understood some surprise had been expressed at the lowness of the figure, in view of Russia's great war victories, but made no other comment.—United Press.

## Doctor Advocates 'Easy Death'

London, May 21.

Dr. E. A. Barton today advocated "easy death" and said he was not ashamed to say he had taken the life of a patient.

Speaking to the Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation Society, Dr. Barton said:

"We are extremely cautious in shouldering any responsibility in taking a patient's life. I am not ashamed to say that I have done so. And so have some medical friends of mine, who have confessed to me that they had to give way to patients crying for mercy."

"We know such things are done, but they are done legally. It is wilful shortening of life and there is an ugly name for it."—United Press.

## Hong Kong Link With New Play

London, May 22.

Sean O'Casey's new dramatic play in poetic prose "Oak Leaves and Lavender," which opened last week at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, has a link with Hong Kong.

The playwright has dedicated his work to "little Johnny Grayburn." Lieut. Grayburn was the V.C. hero of Arrheim and is proudly acknowledged by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation as having been a member of its staff before he joined the army.

A platoon commander of a parachute battalion, Lieut. Grayburn was one of a small gallant band who dropped at Arrheim in the autumn of 1944. Although wounded several times on the Rhine Bridge, he refused to leave. In the end he was killed.

The Grayburn family have long been associated with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. The V.C.'s father, who was a friend of the playwright, was for many years one of the Bank's senior officials.

Jerusalem, May 21.—The Palestine Arab Higher Committee's Department of National Economy announced tonight the opening of a special office in Jerusalem to tighten up the Arab boycott of Jewish goods in the city. The office will also help the Arab public to obtain commodities now in short supply.—Reuter.

## No UNO Action On Germ War

Lake Success, N.Y., May 21.

American officials today ruled out any United Nations action against germ warfare until Russia accepts the United States plan for global control of atomic energy.

The American position was made clear in an apparent answer to Russia's Andrei Gromyko's new demand for a United Nations treaty prohibiting atomic weapons and "other weapons of mass destruction" without awaiting the inspection and control machinery desired by the United States.

Official sources say the United States will continue to insist that a fool-proof atomic control system must be adopted before the United Nations tries to tackle the even more complex problem of preventing bacteriological or chemical warfare.

The differing American and Russian positions were stiffened by Gromyko's latest rejection of the United States proposals which confronted the Atomic Energy Commission as it met for the first time in exactly one month for another attempt to whittle down Russian resistance.—United Press.

Copenhagen, May 21.

The Danish Parliamentary Communist Party today tabled a resolution in the Danish Parliament claiming that there was no longer any justification for the American occupation of Greenland. The Communists said that Denmark must consequently take steps to regain full sovereignty of the country.—Reuter.

## Jinnah Calls For An Alliance

(By Doon Campbell)

New Delhi, May 21.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the Moslem League, called for an alliance between Pakistan and Hindustan here tonight.

Interviewed as the British Cabinet was putting into final form its plans for the transfer of power to India next year, Dr. Jinnah explained what the separate state of Pakistan demanded by the Moslem League would mean to India and the rest of the world.

Points made by Dr. Jinnah were:

1. The Moslem League will demand a corridor through Hindustan to connect the two groups of Pakistan provinces in northwestern and northeastern India.

2. The League will "fight every inch of the way" against the partition of Bengal and the Punjab.

3. "A really healthy" relationship can be established between Pakistan and Britain.

4. The Government of Pakistan would be "popular and representative."

5. Pakistan would seek membership in the United Nations.

The friendly and reciprocal relationship between the main factions should promote their mutual interests, Dr. Jinnah told me. He added: "That is why I have been urging that we separate in a friendly way and remain friends thereafter."

"All the armed forces," he continued, "must be divided completely, but I do envisage

## OPPOSITION TOLD OF PLAN FOR INDIA

London, May 21.

(By Fraser Wighton)

The Prime Minister and the Viceroy of India have informed the Conservative Opposition of the plan of procedure for the transfer of power which the Viceroy will lay before the conference of Indian leaders at Delhi on June 2, I learn authoritatively today.

Mr. Attlee and Lord Mountbatten outlined the proposals to the Conservative leader, Mr. Churchill, his deputy, Mr. Eden, and the House of Lords Conservative leader, Lord Cranborne, in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister will also inform the orthodox Liberal Party leader, Mr. Clement Davis, of the proposals for procedure. It is emphasised that the Opposition has been "informed" and not "consulted."

There is no question of the Labour Government inviting Opposition advice on the proposals. It will act entirely on its own initiative. Equally, although it has been informed of what is proposed, the Opposition will be entirely free to take such action as it thinks fit.

It is considered unlikely that the Opposition, whatever its reaction, will take any parliamentary action until the resumption of Parliament on June 3, after the Whitman recess.

Official quarters today discredited the report circulated in India that if the Indian political leaders were not coming to London, it was believed that Sir Stafford Cripps and the Secretary of State for India, Lord Linlithgow, would accompany Lord Mountbatten and General Lord Ismay, the Viceroy's Chief of Staff, back to New Delhi.

An official spokesman described the report as completely untrue, adding: "This suggestion was the resurrection of a similar story that crept out without the slightest possible foundation, a fortnight ago."

The spokesman added: "It may be taken as definite that when the Viceroy returns to Delhi from London he will carry with him the clear view and authority of the British Government to act on his own initiative in the immediate future in the light of the agreed British policy decision."

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## SENTENCE ON GENERAL Tanaka Gets Twenty Years In Gaol

### Shoji Testifies For Friend

Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo was yesterday found guilty by No. 5 War Crimes Court of two of the three charges against him of responsibility for atrocities committed by his troops in the assault on Hong Kong Island in December, 1941. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

The Court deliberated over two hours on the sentence. Tanaka was found "not guilty" on the third charge of responsibility for atrocities committed by his troops on medical personnel, civilians, doctors and orderlies at the Salesian Mission, Shaokwan.

The 51-year-old Major-General, who took part in operations on Guadalcanal and New Britain, stood stiffly to attention with his head tilted back while the sentence was read to him.

An expression of immeasurable relief then passed over his face and as he turned to walk out of the dock his face was wreathed in an expansive smile. He chatted briefly with his defence counsel, Mr. Sakai Yusuke, both breaking into ripples of Japanese glee.

Tanaka then walked up to the Prosecuting Officer, Major G. H. Puddicombe, K.C., who was to board ship yesterday for Canada, and shook hands with him.

"Goodbye, General," Major Puddicombe said.

**Generosity**

Escorted by a guard, Tanaka then went to the Japanese prisoners' and witnesses' room and was to be observed a few minutes later in happy and animated conversation with his one-time colleague, Major-General Shoji Toshishige, in the assault on Hong Kong Island.

Earlier, Shoji had testified for his friend as a witness to character. Shoji drew a verbal picture of his friend with little illustrative stories, speaking of the Tanaka he had known who was such a strict disciplinarian that his unit was considered one of the best ever sent out to South China.

Tanaka was also of a generous disposition, Shoji related in his usual brackish-room voice. When he landed on Guadalcanal, Shoji said, he was low on rations. Tanaka gave him a tin of milk and some biscuits out of his own personal ration. The senior officer of the Tanaka Butai having set this example, the other officers followed with little gifts for their colleagues in the Shoji Butai of equivalent rank.

Tanaka was also kind, Shoji said. He could best illustrate Tanaka's kindness by relating how during operations near Chichow in South China he had been so courteous and considerate with a Chinese prisoner that the captive had confessed to being a Chinese Major (or Lieutenant-Colonel, he could not remember which).

**"Very Sensitive"**

The Chinese prisoner was so affected by Tanaka's courtesy that he offered to give him de-

### Money Market

Yesterday gold kept more or less to the level of the previous day. Opening at \$202.75 a tael it closed at \$201.60. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$203.87 and \$201.50 respectively. Pounds suffered a setback as after opening at \$12.40 a 100 it dropped to \$12.27 and only slightly recovered to \$12.30 at the close.

Chinese National Currency futures again weakened to 133 cents for CN\$1,000 at yesterday's close. Spot was at 18 cents. U.S. dollars made another climb to \$4.68. Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$14.33 and \$12.52 respectively.

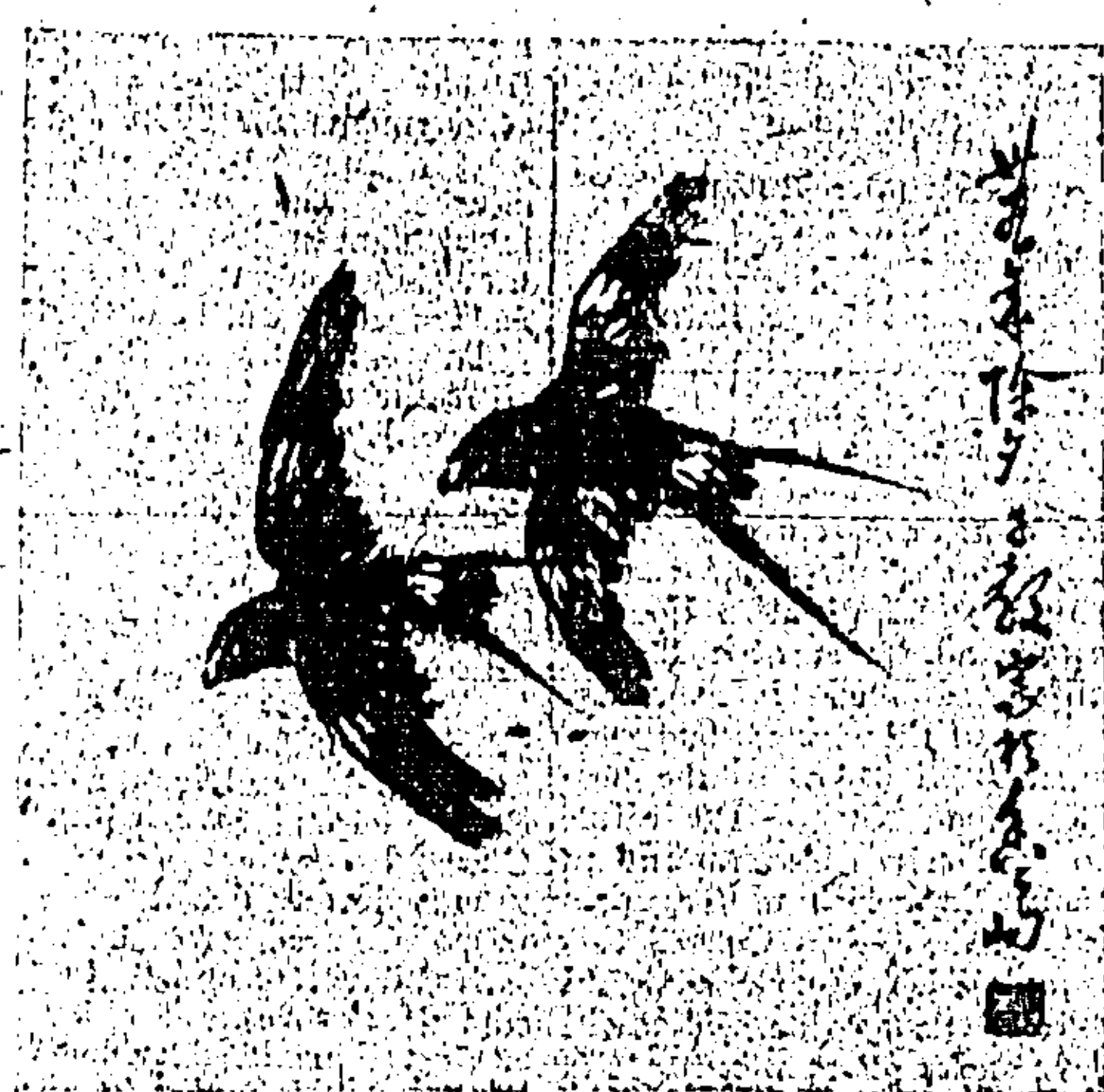
### MORE CLASHES IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, May 21.

Five persons were killed and 14 injured in stray clashes between Hindus and Moslems here today.

Firearms are still being used by the rioters, and the police fired five times to disperse a crowd which threatened to riot after a bomb had been thrown in a mixed locality.

Night curfew has been reimposed in four districts—Reu-



One of the paintings of Mr. Chiu Shu-sung, a protégé of Mr. Chiu Shu-sung, celebrated Chinese artist, who is giving a public exhibition of Chinese drawings and paintings at the St. Francis Hotel, 1st floor, from today to May 25.

## "Tin Ingots Case" Court Sequel

The "Tin Ingots Case" in which Yu Ting-wah (alias Yu Hok-chiu) a Major General in the Chinese Army was found guilty of the larceny of 1,750 tin ingots and with obtaining \$73,000 by false pretences and sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour on May 7, was recalled yesterday when applications for the restitution of the tin ingots and money to the rightful owners were heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisse Judge).

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan, appeared on behalf of the Chinese National Resources Commission.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the Pak Hing Lung Firm and Lau Pak-lok, its manager.

The Kwong Shing Cheung Firm and Dr. Wong Chup-on were represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior.

When the hearing opened yesterday, Mr. Eldon Potter said that it had been agreed between the parties that the application for an order for restitution of 1,150 tin ingots should be adjourned pending the result of civil proceedings which had been instituted. It had also been agreed that the ingots should remain in the possession of the authorities.

An application by Mr. d'Almada for the restitution to the Chinese National Resources Commission of 1,750 tin ingots which had been wrongfully pledged by Yu to the Kwong Shing Cheung Firm, was granted by Mr. Justice Williams.

Mr. Bernacchi then made an application for the sum of \$73,000 to be paid to the Kwong Shing Cheung Firm out of certain monies, partly in Court and partly in the Bank, as well as \$10,000 to Dr. Wong Chup-on. Mr. Bernacchi based his application on the Larceny Ordinance, No. 32 of 1936, Section 66, and the Criminal Procedure Ordinance No. 3 of 1939, Section 70. The application was granted.

Mr. Loseby brought up the question of a sum of \$6,700 which would be remaining in



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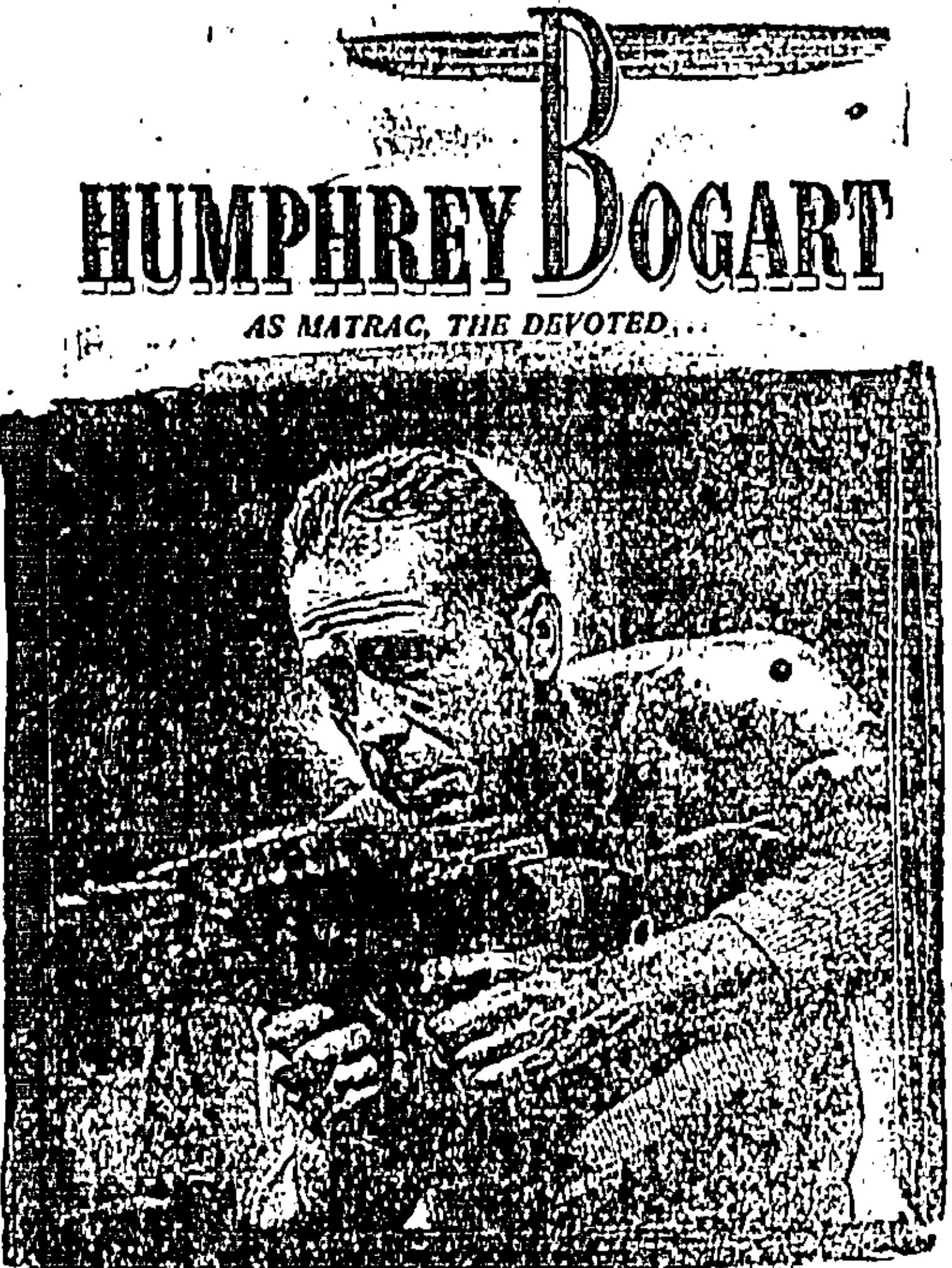
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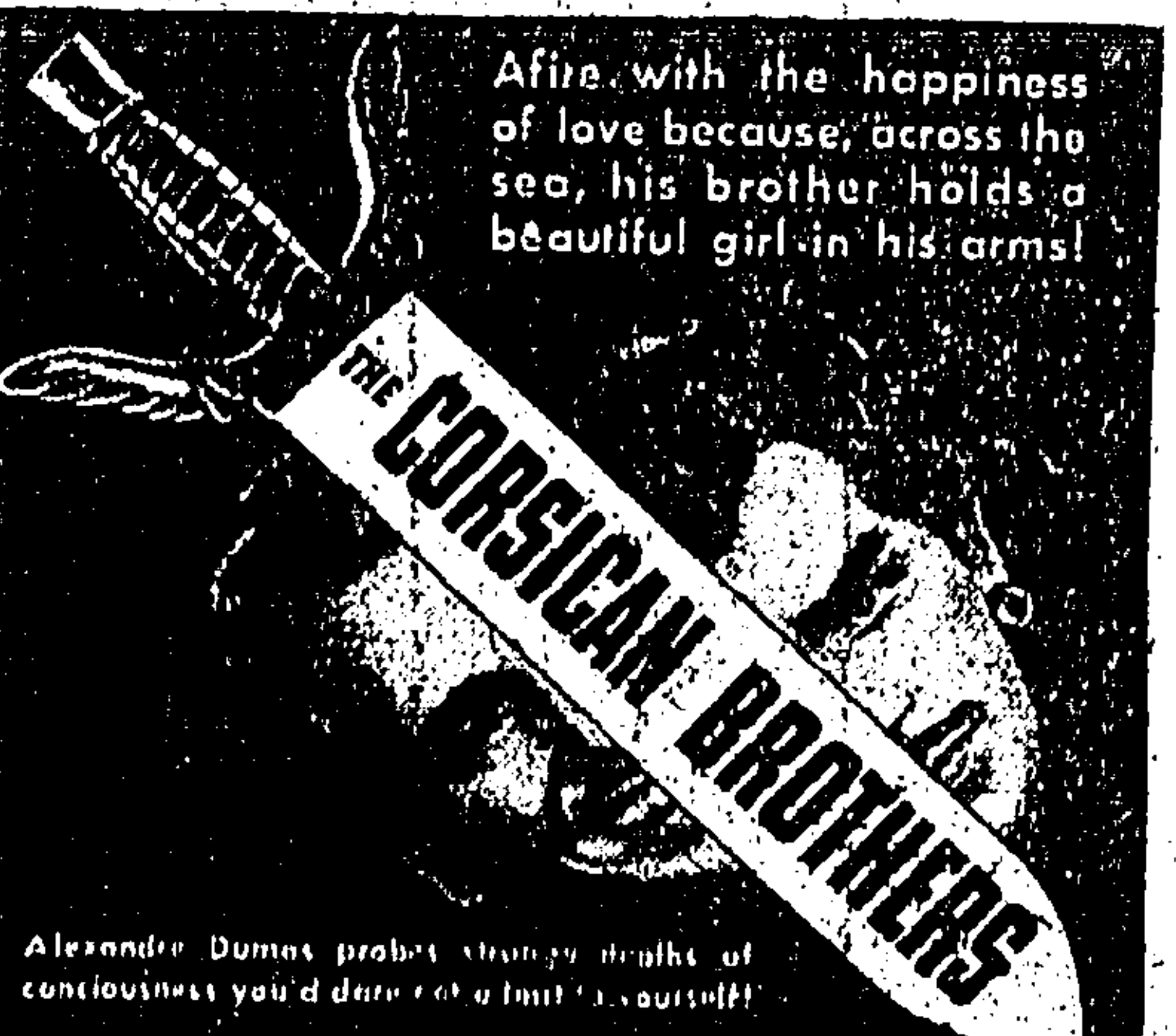
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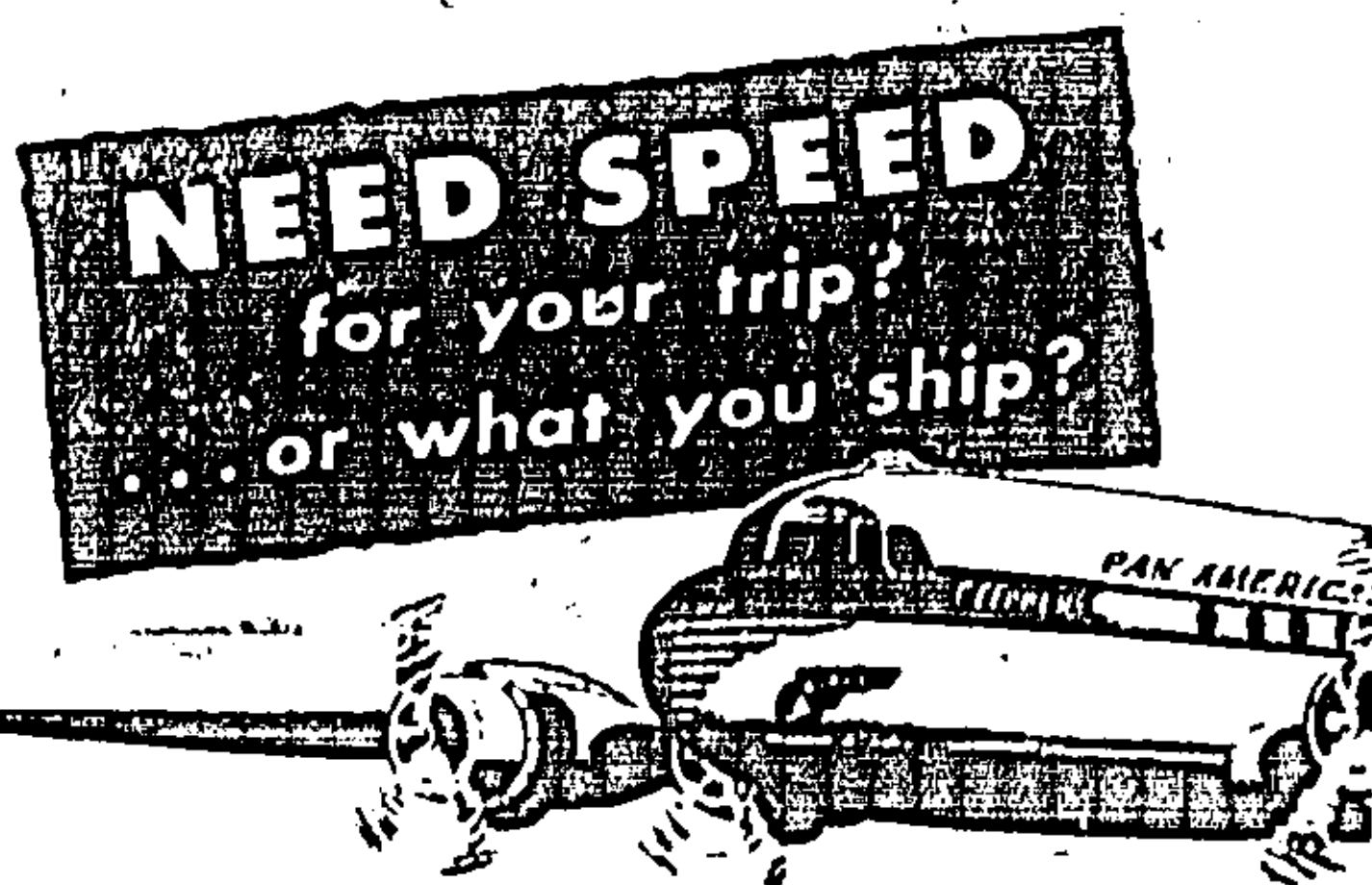
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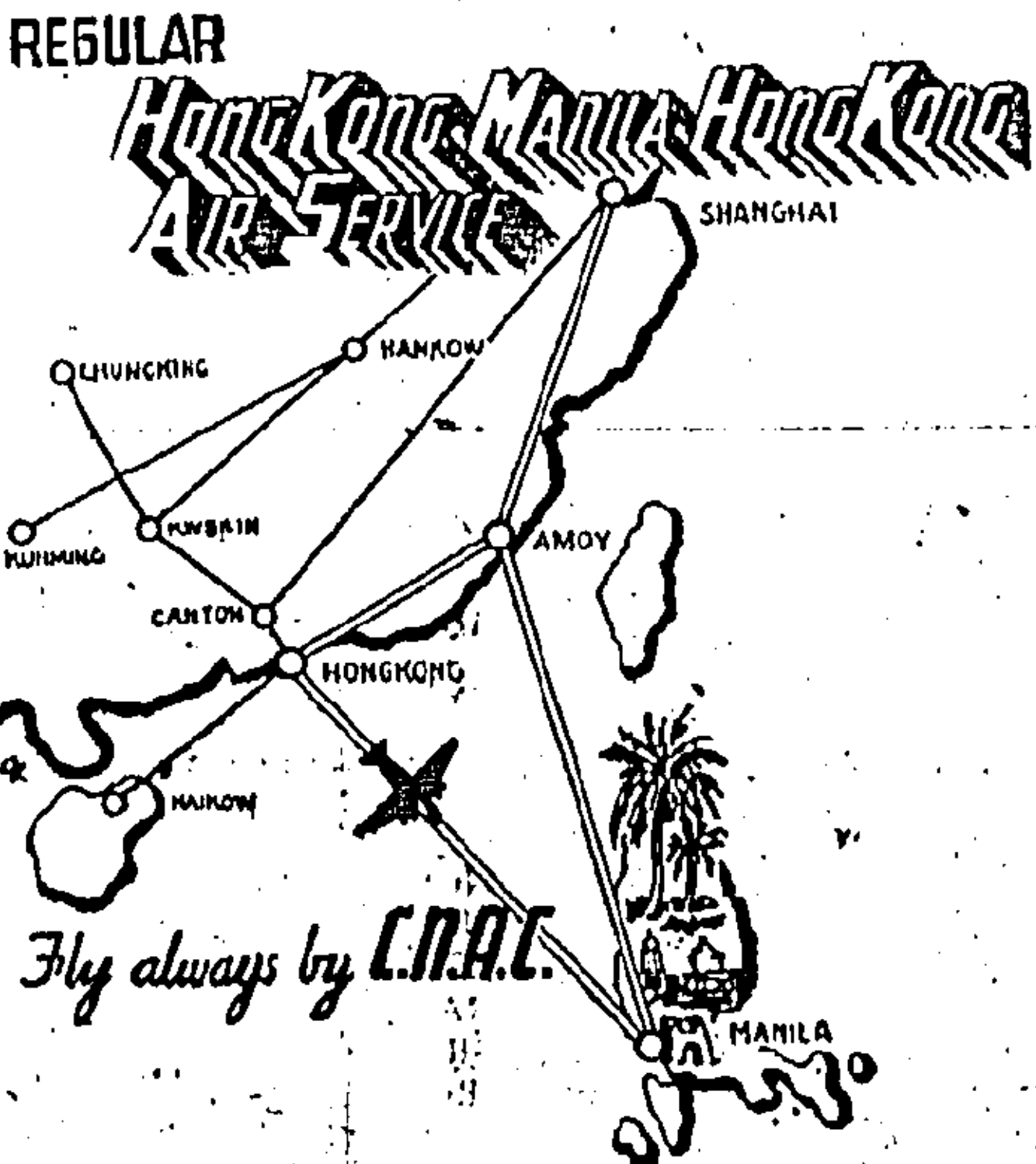


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More than a tinge of irony attaches to the necessity for rushing through Legislative Council yesterday all stages of a Bill to legalise continued infringement upon one of the few existing constitutional privileges of the people of Hong Kong. The effect is to authorise Government to continue in breach of the provisions of the Urban Council Ordinance, which otherwise would require elections to be held to fill two vacancies on that body. It is not a matter calculated to arouse any great excitement. All things being equal, there is expectation that much more important elections, those which will provide members of the proposed Municipal Council, and which will be based upon a much more democratic franchise, will soon require to be organised, and the preservation in being of the existing caretaker Urban Council until such time as the Municipal Council is ready to take over its functions is hardly likely to disturb that apathy which is the distinguishing characteristic of the average approach. Approval of the course followed is, therefore, automatic. The event does, however, emphasise that the powers that be are an unconsciously long time making up their mind on what is good for this community. When the original bill was passed extending to May 25, 1947, the period during which the Urban Council could function without calling for an election, it was confidently assumed that the Municipal Council scheme would have been cut-and-dried, and the function of the Urban Council already absorbed into the larger organisation. The life of the amending Bill was twelve months and that period has elapsed without very obvious evidence that the Colony is much further advanced towards its, shall we say, emancipation. In fact, of course, progress has been made, but the discovery of the need for legislation to keep the record clean would be doubly ironic if it should fail to serve as a reminder that it is about time that a concentration of official brains gave birth to a workable idea.

### DOLLAR DEARTH

Analysis of the American dollar position contained in another column is deserving of close study. The official prediction of the outlook for 1947 appears to be more than a little optimistic, and more strenuous efforts to meet the problem would seem to be required than are implied in the U.S. Treasury statement. Some comfort may be derived from indications in Washington and New York that American leadership fully realises the danger of widespread economic breakdown. Leading financial writers in the United States point to three related facts. 1. General Marshall's statement that "disintegrating forces are at work in Europe"—that the "patient is dying while the doctors deliberate." 2. The fear that an international trade organisation may not materialise at Geneva out of failure to reconcile free enterprise with State trading monopolies. 3. Reports by American business men returning from Europe, which are said to be "gloomier every week." The feeling that the US Government is considering definite action against the deteriorating world economic condition is heightened by the realisation that in the next 18 months American political parties will become involved in a Presidential election to the exclusion of all else. Experts believe the Government may first of all attempt the economic revival of Germany followed by a wholesale underwriting of Western Europe with American dollars and goods. Writing about "dangers to America" in the New York Herald Tribune, Joseph Alsop points out that the near-chronic dollar shortage in Europe, which he says, is being "invited" rather than "prevented," is now on the eve of engulfing Canada and Mexico. This would make it world-wide, appalling in its implications.

# THE THREATENED WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS

By E.L. SCHWARTZ,

Financial Editor of the "Sunday Times"

Official estimates have been issued in Washington of the United States external balance of payments for 1946, together with a forecast of the 1947 figures. The importance of these figures lies in the fact that they indicate how short of dollars the world is likely to be. The estimates are summarised in the table at the end of this article. Broadly speaking in 1946 the world paid \$15,264 millions for American goods and services, and also in interest and dividends on the foreign investments of the United States. In return, the world received \$7,131 millions for goods and services supplied to the United States and for dividends on foreign capital invested in the United States.

This left a deficit of \$8,133 millions. Lend-lease, grants to U.N.R.R.A., supplies to occupied countries, and other Government grants provided for \$2,531 millions of this deficit, while loans by the United States Government and official agencies provided \$3,319 millions (drawings on the British credit line during 1946 are returned at \$600 millions, equal to not quite \$150 millions). The remaining margin of \$2,283 millions is covered by various long-term capital movements, inward and outward; by a net outflow of \$673 millions in respect of private remittances of funds; by gold imports of \$823 millions; and by an omnibus figure of \$1,176 millions, representing additions to American balances abroad, and reductions in foreign balances held in the United States.

### 1947 Forecast

The forecast for 1947 is necessarily made in vague terms. It is expected, however, that higher import prices, a recovery in the productive capacity overseas and the maintenance of American expenditure abroad in respect of tourist and shipping services, will raise the world's total receipts from current trade with America from \$7,131 millions in 1946 to \$9,000 millions this year. Relief contributions by the United States authorities are likely to decline sharply from \$2,531 millions to \$1,600 millions. Official loans and credits are expected to rise from \$3,319 millions to \$4,000 millions. In other words, the United States authorities provide nearly the same amount of money in 1947 as in the previous year, but will be giving less and lending more.

Adding \$700 millions for private remittances, another \$700 millions for gold imports, and yet another \$700 millions for drafts upon foreign-owned dollar reserves, and it is estimated that during 1947 the world will have \$16,700 millions to spend on American goods and services. But from this must be deducted \$3,200 millions for interest payments on American capital and payments on American shipping and other services. This leaves \$13,500 millions for American goods.

## 100 Years Ago Today

(From the "China Mail," May 23, 1947)

Notice—Jno Smith will sell by Public Auction to the highest bidder on Tuesday the 25th inst. by Order of S. Drinker Esq., U.S. Naval Store-keeper, 114 boxes of Captained Pine Apple cheeses.

Female Loquacity—Jean Paul says that a lady officer, if she wanted to give the word "halt" to her troops, would do it somewhat in this wise: "You soldiers, all of you, now mind, I order you, as soon as I have finished speaking, to stand still, everyone of you, on the spot where you happen to be; don't you hear me? Halt, I say, all of you."

Mrs. Iness has received by the "Anna Robertson" two fashionable Velvet and other Bonnets, from one of the first houses in London, they were expressly made as pattern bonnets, and are well worth inspection. Also Two Ladies Riding Habits, all of which will be sold cheap.

From the "Peking Gazette"—The Imperial command was received assenting through abundant kindness to a memorial for releasing an officer from banishment who had exerted himself on six occasions to save for the great.

Here is the broad picture. It is presented from the American angle, and is intended to assure the home producer that the world will be able to spend in the United States over \$16,000 millions in 1947, perhaps \$14,000 millions more than in 1946. This may be of some comfort to the American farmer, manufacturer or shipowner, who may thereby be led to reflect that even if there is a trade recession at home, his foreign markets will be maintained. The rest of the world, however, cannot regard these figures in the same way.

The first point is that American exports in 1946 were not adequate to the world's needs. Furthermore, the 1947 forecast envisages an increase over the 1946 exports of only about 11 per cent. in value. Now between June, 1946, and January, 1947, wholesale prices in the United States rose on the average by 21 per cent. Prices may recede during the remaining months of the current year, although if this recession were general, it might well create new difficulties for American producers. But these figures make it clear that unless there is a price recession of nearly 10 per cent., the world will not have the means to buy as large a quantity of American goods this year as it did in 1946.

It will be able to buy that quantity only by dint of depending on the American Government for a total sum of \$5,000 millions, by way of grant or loan. In spite of the recent grants to Greece and Turkey, Washington is not likely to be in the mood to continue financing the rest of the world indefinitely. Nor is it healthy for the world to continue indefinitely piling up debt to the United States, at the rate of \$3,000 or \$4,000 millions a year.

### Norwegian Loan

The position is that in 1947 the world, by its own labours, will pay for only 54 per cent. of what it obtains from the United States. How in future is it to pay for the remaining 46 per cent., without

either a drastic curtailment of exports from the United States, or an equally drastic switching of world production from the task of supplying its own needs to that of making goods for the United States? Either alternative threatens both the world's standard of living and the economic balance of the United States.

The most obvious solution is an increase in world productive capacity, financed largely by American capital. One such issue to the private investor appeared in New York towards the end of April. It consists of \$10,000,000 of ten-year Kingdom of Norway 3½ per cent. bonds. It is the first post-war issue to be made for a European Government, and, if it succeeds, it should pave the way for other issues. An even more crucial test will be the success with which the new International Bank is able to borrow in Wall Street.

Finance provided in such a manner as to restore the borrowing countries' powers to produce and export is the simplest long-term way of bridging the gap in the American trade balance.

### U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	1946	1947
Exports from U.S.	12,149	13,500
Earnings of U.S. ships, tourist traffic, etc.	2,513	3,200
Income of U.S. investments abroad	611	—
Total Exports	15,264	16,700
Imports into U.S.	5,264	6,700
Payments to foreign ships and by U.S. tourists, etc.	1,094	2,300
Income of foreign investments in U.S.	173	—
Total Imports	7,131	9,000
Export Surplus	8,133	7,700
U.S. Govt. grants	2,531	1,600
U.S. Govt. loans	3,319	4,000
Private remittances (net)	673	700
Gold imports	823	700
Drawings on short-term balances	1,176	700
Long-term capital movements, etc.	189	—
Total	8,133	7,700

## The New Democracy In France

Paris, May 21.

Democracy is on the rampage in France.

Two months ago the first class carriage in the Metro was eliminated. Now the visiting card — a longtime sign in

### By SALLY SWING

France of a "lady" or "gentleman" is common to all. Even the janitor has one.

The mark of respectability which comes from being able to fumble in your wallet and pull out a sleek white card let Frenchmen and women to order more than 50,000,000 cards last month.

In the collection of M. Louis Barthou are some priceless samples.

They tell a story in themselves. Look at the proud Government official whose card bears the words: "M. Vice-Director of the Cabinet of the Vice-Secretary of State of the War Ministry."

And another: "Officer of the Billiard Academy." Prize of the collection is the "Special Professor on the fashion of driving in Paris traffic without danger."

Barthou thinks this one comes from a head of a driving school, but is not sure.

A religious gent has his card engraved with the following ominous words: "Seventh Angel of the Apocalypse and Archangel of the Resurrection." And a sophisticated expert marks his: "Edifices of all empires in Paris."

Pride in their profession has given rise to Frenchmen of all types having special cards printed up like the fireman whose card reads: "Admitted after a difficult examination into the Brotherhood of Firemen."

And this one which bears no frills, just the name and then, underneath: "Gas-meter reader."

Visiting cards are coming in to their own again, but still M. Barthou longs for the old-fashioned decorated visiting cards of the 17th century. A celebrated priest of those days had a small design of an

urn on a pillar in the corner of his card. A widow of a general had a miniature painting of herself in mourning standing next to the tomb of her husband.

After the revolution, all the garlands of roses, the bluebirds and the little designs were thrown over for a more severe "Republican" type of card.

Later in the 19th century fads for warms with black lines around them, originally meant to signify a death in the family became so popular that some Spaniards in Paris carried black diamond shaped cards with only their name in white.

But fantasy has not gone from the trim business card of today. A man can still have the imagination to have his card engraved with: "Chief of the Scottish Frenchmen, and first to proclaim the French Republic in Algeria."—United Press.

Rangoon, May 21.

The master of a Rangoon schooner, "Mait Set Gyi," was today fined 9,000 rupees for smuggling out of Burma—it is believed to Penang—a cargo of 400 bags of rice and 50 bags of beans.—Reuter.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"One hamburger and the contents of the cash register to go!"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

### IMAGINATION VALUABLE

"Imagination is absolutely necessary to reach some of the best No Trump game contracts." That statement was repeated time and again by Gratz M. Scott, first general manager of the famous Cavendish Club in New York, whose words are still remembered years after he passed on to that Club where you eventually meet all your good friends again. He constantly helped younger players to recognize those situations in which you should count on your partner to have stoppers in some unbid suit.

S. 7 4 3  
H. 5 4 2  
D. A K Q 5 4  
C. A K Q  
S. 8 5  
H. 9 7 0 3  
D. 10 3 2  
C. K J 8 6

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 D Pass  
1 S Pass 1 D Pass  
3 D Pass 4 D Pass

This was tragedy in various respects. Since every finesse worked, North made an unbid small slam, following the club 2 lead. North argued that he was not strong enough to leap to 3-Diamonds after hearing South's 3-Diamonds. South insisted that he had done enough bidding on his modest hand and could raise no further after North's 4-Diamonds.

Then West broke into it. "You got away with five finesses," he

pointed out, "one in clubs, two in hearts and in spades two or perhaps three. If you want to count them as three, if I had my partner's holding in either spades or hearts, we would have taken two more tricks and you couldn't even have made a game, much less a slam."

East chimed in then. "What's the matter with the imagination of you fellows?" he asked. "South should have counted on North to have clubs probably stopped and should have called 2-No Trumps instead of 3-Diamonds, and North should have raised to 3-No Trumps. But after his 3-Diamonds, North should have counted on South to stop hearts and should have bid 3-No Trumps. Good imagination would tell you that either surmise would have been logical in view of what else the bidder held. Note that if either hearts or spades broke well, the No Trump game was sure, whereas both suits had to break for a diamond game to be made."

### Tomorrow's Problem

S. A 7 4 3  
H. Q J 10 9 4  
D. K 9 5 3  
C. None  
S. 0 0 3  
H. A K 7  
D. J 7  
C. A 8 7  
6 5 4  
S. K J 10 8  
H. 3  
D. A 8 6 4  
C. K Q J 10  
(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

Against South's 6-Spades, West led the heart A, then the spade 9. How should South play for it?

## 'Socialist World'

London, May 20.

The Labour Party will launch at the end of this month a new magazine designed to bring together all Socialist, Social Democratic and Labour parties throughout the world.

The magazine will be called the "Socialist World" and will be published quarterly in English.

lish, French and Czech. It is hoped to include later Polish, Spanish and Scandinavian language issues and it will be published by the International Division of the British Labour Party.

Actual ownership rests in the recently formed Federation of Socialist Parties for the time being is British.

It is learned features of the first issue will include a discussion of the prospects for a third political party in the United States.—United Press

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## MORE JEWISH TERRORISM

### Haganah Raids On Arab Villages

#### "Friendly Relations"

Jerusalem, May 21. The British authorities announced today that a number of incidents between Jews and Arabs—the first since the bloody outbreaks of 1939—occurred last night in the Petah area.

The official announcement followed by many hours a communique from Haganah (Jewish underground army) in which full credit was taken for the raid on the Arab village of Feja. The Haganah communique claimed from five to seven Arabs killed and said the leader of the Jewish raiding party was wounded fatally.

The British announcement said one Arab was killed and three others wounded after a group of Jews entered a Feja cafe. As they left, the Jews dropped mines which later exploded and wrecked the establishment.

A Jewish watchman was held up and disarmed by a gang of Arabs, who killed his horse. The third incident occurred between Petah-Tikvah and Yehudya village, where 26 armed Jews fired a number of shots, killing one Arab and leaving a and mine in the vicinity. Special police action is being taken.

Later, it was learned Haganah also carried out a raid on the Arab village of Yahudya, not far from Feja. Three Arabs were reported killed and several wounded.

One member of the Jewish party was reported fatally wounded by bullets fired by another Haganah man during the raid.—United Press.

### Letter To The Press

Reports from Tel Aviv say the Haganah communique was accompanied by a covering letter to newspaper editors, which proclaimed that the Feja attack was "not a political action of the Jewish resistance movement."

The letter said the underground "felt that it was time to eradicate the hands of bandits and murderers who killed Jewish settlers."

"Enemies of the Jews will try to foster Arab-Jewish clashes after the United Nations Commission leaves Palestine, but the Jewish resistance movement is set upon maintaining friendly relations with the Arabs," the letter said.

### Villagers Angry

A United Press correspondent from the Tel Aviv office who visited Feja found the villagers "angry and excited" and firm in their belief that Arab reprisals would be forthcoming.

The village sheikh said he saw a score of Jews arrive near the cafe, in which there were

### SOVIET COAL OUTPUT

Moscow, May 21. Soviet coal output increased by 470 per cent between 1913 and 1940, while Britain's output dropped 23 per cent, the Academician, Mr. L.D. Chervakov, head of the Soviet Research Institute, said in an interview today, quoted by Moscow Radio.

Soviet coal mines are now 100 per cent electrified, he added. He asserted that the present five-year plan was to increase production—which was 166,000,000 tons in 1940—to 250,000,000 tons by 1950 and to 500,000,000 tons in a further ten to fifteen years.—Reuter.

## EDGAR HOOVER SEES RED

Washington, May 22. Director J. Edgar Hoover, of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, says that "Communists have penetrated every field of activity in this country."

He told a House of Representatives Appropriations Sub-Committee that for every one of 74,000 Communist party members there are "ten other individuals who are ready to do the party's work."

He said that Communists have gone into the cinema, radio and newspaper fields, labour organizations and "every field of endeavour in this country," and that "penetration has been intensified over the last several years."

But Mr. Hoover said he did not think "we are going to have a revolution in this country tomorrow." The FBI chief testified at hearings on a bill providing expense money for the Justice Department. The bill was approved and has been sent to the House for action.

Mr. Hoover also informed the Sub-Committee that:—

1. FBI fingerprinting activities are so far behind—2,891,831 prints—that identifying applications for jobs for private and commercial organizations has been stopped and the checking of prints of unknown dead persons may have to be discontinued. Many people with "criminal records and of questionable loyalty" may now get jobs in strategic industries and "might do harm."

### Major Crimes

2. Major crimes increased 7.6 per cent in 1946 over 1945. There were 13 kidnappings in the last six months of 1946—as many as in the entire preceding year.

3. The FBI started this year with 63,308 cases waiting investigation. The Bureau is "48 per cent delinquent" on its investigations but "top priority" cases are investigated at once.

Crime among service veterans is not as serious a problem as many people think.—Associated Press.

### Modern Georgie Porgie

Paris, May 21. The nursery rhyme reads: "Georgie Porgie kissed the girls and made them cry." But the real life version—13-year-old Georges—was not satisfied with kisses.

Georges, a little man who is big for his age, both physically and in his ideas, lives in the little town of Millacay in the Loir et Cher region, famous for its wines.

Georges, whom French newspaper reports from Millacay call "the little satyr," was the "terror" of the village.

The police today reported that little Georges had chased, molested and "perished" in some instances attacked all the young girls—from eight to eighteen—in his town.—United Press.

### Marshall Disagrees

WASHINGTON, MAY 21. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE C. MARSHALL TODAY MADE IT PLAIN HE FAVOURS CONTINUING THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF BLOW BY BLOW NEWS REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF THE BIG FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

Mr. Devin told the House of Commons last week that one of the great handicaps of international negotiations is that "every word which is said is reported by the press."

Gen. Marshall said at a conference today the Foreign Ministers twice tried secret sessions in Moscow, both of which were wholly unproductive.

He considers general press coverage of conferences to be very important. Because the proceedings were fully reported, Gen. Marshall said, it was felt that there were probably more appeals to passion and prejudice rather than logic than there would be otherwise. But, he added, the cure is not suppression of coverage but forestalling of passion and prejudice. Associated Press.

## THEY GOT THE POINT

Vienna, May 21. Two dead, three, Franz Elend and Hermann Riffel, were sentenced to death today for murdering a Viennese couple and ransacking their home.

As the court pronounced sentence, the nurse crossed her arms over her breast to make them understand. They understood.—United Press.

## Tokyo Gets A Shaking

Tokyo, May 21. The people of Tokyo were rudely awakened just before five o'clock this morning by a heavier than usual tremor, which sent lamps swinging and broke crockery in some of the city's more flimsily constructed buildings.

Since the big earthquake in December, which caused casualties and destruction in southern Japan, there have been scores of minor routine tremors, which usually pass unnoticed by the populace.—Reuter.

## Staff Man Visits Changchun

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, May 21. Communist activity has increased recently in North China and Manchuria, and a visit to Manchuria gives a less rosy picture of the military situation than official reports indicate.

On Sunday when I was in Changchun—which even Nationalist quarters call "The Front,"—the Communists seized the airfield four miles from the centre of the town and were only driven off after a day of fighting and bombing by Government planes.

The raid caused considerable alarm in the city and martial law was declared. Returning to Mukden, I found the railway connection to Peiping interrupted because the Communists had seized Changli station, west of Shanhaikuan, and fighting was proceeding.

Purpose of this raid was probably to delay reinforcements which are being sent to Manchuria.

According to Chinese press reports, the Communists have seized Kunzhuling, a large town on the South Manchuria Railway between Mukden and Changchun.

It is also unconfirmedly reported that Kirin, east of Changchun, has fallen.

The overall military picture is that of the Nationalist forces on the defensive, holding with difficulty long railway lines owing to insufficient forces.—Our Own Correspondent.

## Picked Tokyo Targets

Washington, May 22. Carl A. Marzani selected 15 of the 300 possible targets for the 1942 Doolittle air raid on Tokyo.

Marzani is on trial on charges of concealing Communist affiliations in obtaining a Federal job.

He testified his name was written on 15 factory sites on the map designating the targets for the attack.

He said: "I picked the factories, not necessarily for their geographic location."

Marzani went to work for the Office of Strategic Services (American Intelligence) on March 7, 1942, five weeks before the raiders struck.—Associated Press.

## Women's Part In Britain's Plight

London, May 20. The women of Great Britain must be told in plain and simple language what they must do to help the country out of its crisis, speakers at the Advertising Association Conference at Margate said today.

In London, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, told an audience of women at the huge Albert Hall in plain and simple language what they must do.

Mrs. Amy Pearce, speaker at the advertising conference, said it was no use simply telling the housewife that Britain was "up against it"—slogans of posters now appearing all over the country.

"She must be told what she must do and the effect of her effort, and she must be told in a friendly way," she declared.

"Ask them for their help in a way they can best give it, which is by putting themselves behind their families, of which they are the motivating force."

### Credit At The Grocer's

Sir Stafford Cripps, addressing members of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, compared the national position with that of a family living on credit at the local grocer's shop.

He suggested saving imports by producing more food in gardens and allotments and saving production by salvaging bottles, paper and other needed things.

It is really a terrible thought that we have to spend hard-earned foreign currency to buy materials for paper-making when hundreds of thousands of tons yearly of waste paper are being thrown away, he declared.—Reuter.

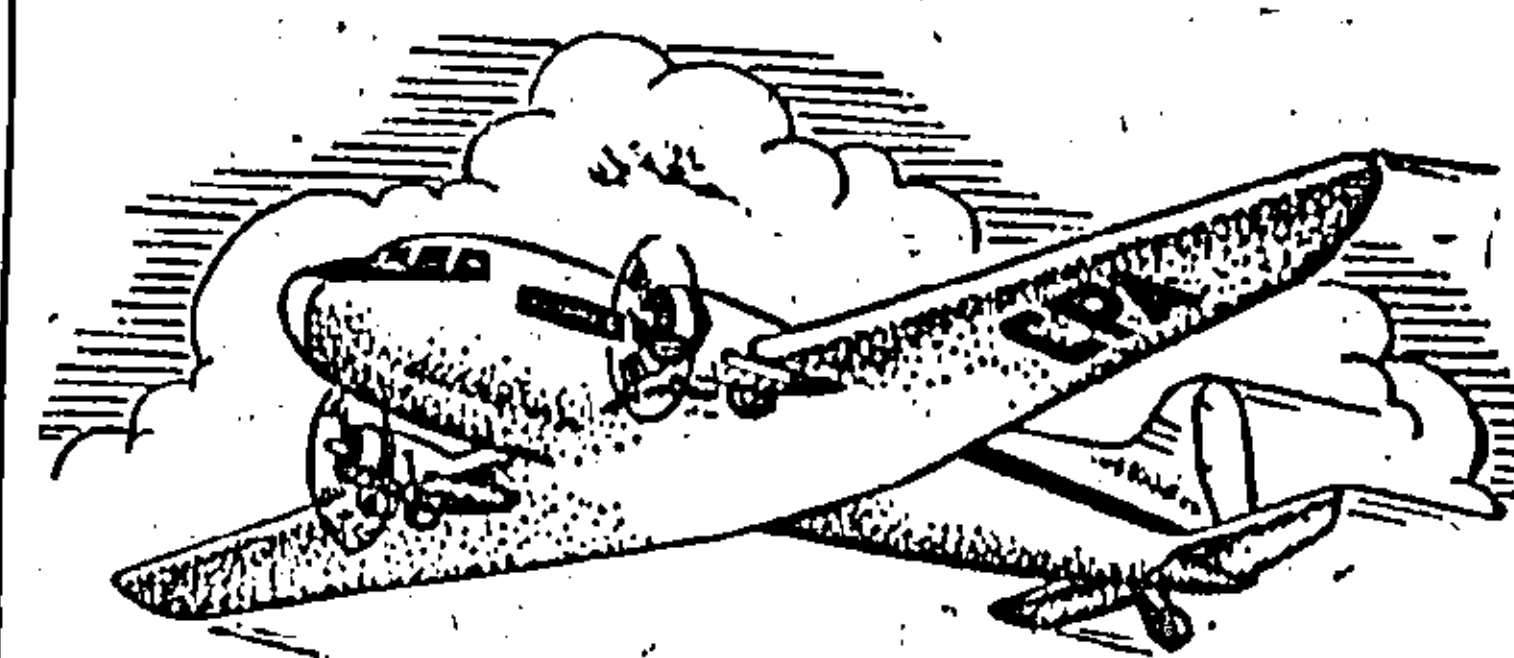
## CHINA AND I.F.A.P.

Scheveningen, May 21. Although China is already a member of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization it could with benefit also become a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers which aim at settling the world food programme and in seeking the welfare of all mankind.

Mr. Sze Sung-shi, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy at The Hague, who is attending the IFAP's "first" annual conference here as an observer, will make this recommendation to his government.

He said today that "I admire very much the creation of this Federation by far-sighted and humanly-loving British farmers who wish to promote the well-being of all who obtain a livelihood from the soil."

Reuter.



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## CRISIS IN FRANCE Wave Of Popular Indignation

Paris, May 21.  
While the provinces of France seethed with violent anti-Government demonstrations and widespread strikes, Premier Paul Ramadier and his Ministers of Labour and Industrial Production discussed tonight how to meet the gas and electric workers' wage increase ultimatum, which expires tonight.

The workers are demanding a 15 per cent wage increase, plus a production bonus. A point of possible conflict is seen in the fact that the Government has until now steadfastly refused to grant any wage increases.

Unless they are given some relief, the workers are threatened by a strike which will paralyse the country. The Government has until now steadfastly refused to grant any wage increases.

The strike of Lyons and Dijon were the latest of a series of demonstrations against the Government's economic and social policy.

Eight thousand people demonstrated last night in Lyons, demanding a full-fledged strike, as they demanded Government to stop the strike and to meet the workers' demands.

This morning the great silk spinning city of Lyons was again gripped by a wave of popular indignation.

Without warning, the Prefect last night issued an order that all bread tickets had been cancelled in an effort to prevent the wholesale sale of phony bread tickets in the area. The tickets were to be used in their stead, the order said.

Workers and their wives in the popular industrial quarter of Vaise immediately rose in protest.

"No Bread, No Work"  
Workers deserted their plants and demonstrated in the streets, while 3,000 housewives marched on the Prefecture building, shouting "No bread, no work."

At 9 a.m. the strike in the area was general as demonstrators forced their way through police cordons and into the office of Prefect Paul Gignoux with cries of "Bread, bread!" The Prefect was literally hauled

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## AMNESTY IN P.I.P.

Manila, May 22.  
The Philippine Senate today approved a resolution submitting to a national plebiscite a proposal to grant amnesty to all collaborators except spies.—Associated Press.

## TRUCE IDEA OUT

London, May 21.  
If the British Government is asked for its views on the conditions for a truce in Palestine which have been passed to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, by Dr. Max Seligman, the lawyer who recently defended the Jewish terrorist, Dov Gruner, who was executed, it will reject the proposal as a matter of principle, Reuter learned today.

Dr. Seligman's conditions cover the abolition of the military courts in Palestine and the grant of a reprieve to five terrorists now under sentence of death.

It is considered certain, in semi-official quarters, that the British administration in Palestine will refuse to bargain about the prevention of violence and law breaking.—Reuter.

## British Financial Aid To Burma

London, May 21.  
The British Government will contribute £12,000,000 towards the deficit in Burma's 1946/47 budget and advance £18,375,000 towards the current fiscal year's expenditure on rehabilitation projects, according to the Anglo-Burmese Financial Agreement announced here today.

The agreement, which was concluded as the result of recent negotiations between the British Treasury Mission, headed by Mr. J. L. Cramble, and U Thant Myin, Finance Minister of the Burmese Interim Government, added that the possibility of converting part of Britain's interest-free loan to Burma for rehabilitation purposes "shall remain open

for further consideration in the light of future developments in the general economic and financial situation."

Besides contribution in respect of the budget deficit and advance to cover rehabilitation expenditure, any unspent balance on the British grant of £2,500,000 in aid of the frontier areas' budget will also be at the disposal of the Burma Government.

According to the agreement the Burma Government "will take immediate and firm measures to increase revenues, effect reductions of Government expenditure and withdraw surplus purchasing power in circulation, particularly by stimulating savings among the general public."

The Burma Government also agreed to pay over to the British Government proceeds from sale of civil affairs services stores, which are not Lend-Lease equipment bought from the United States.

Regarding Burma's defence budget the agreement says: "The British Government takes note of the statement by the Burma Government that they will not be capable of making any further contribution to defence beyond 335 lakhs of rupees already included in the budget."

The Burma Government, it is said, maintains the view that the "estimated cost of maintaining troops in Burma, including supplies and services required by these troops on peace-time basis, represents an appropriate charge on Burma's revenue, without prejudice to the eventual decision as to the strength and composition of the Burma Army and figure of cost now being calculated by the Burma Command."—Reuter.

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## Earhart Tragedy "Revelation"

New York, May 21.  
The mother of Amelia Earhart, not heard from since she radioed for help while over the Pacific Ocean during a round-the-world flight in 1937, said today the missing flier was on a secret Government mission and is believed to have been taken prisoner by the Japanese.

Mrs. Amy Oles Earhart, 79, of Boston, explained in an interview over the radio that she was discussing publicly for the first time the disappearance of her daughter.

Mrs. Earhart said her daughter was on a Government mission "so secret that it was even kept from me" and added: "I think my daughter landed and was taken prisoner by the Japanese."

"I have letters, documents and messages addressed to me that convinced me thoroughly that she landed on land," the mother said she made unsuccessful efforts to locate her daughter through the Japanese consul in Los Angeles.

The official with whom she talked originally was "gone," she said, upon her return the following day.

"When I returned there was a strange man there who didn't want to take the matter up," Mrs. Earhart said.

The missing flier in a radioed appeal said she was over the Pacific with no land in sight and with a dwindling fuel supply.

The United States Navy conducted an intensive search but no trace was ever found of Mrs. Earhart or her plane.—Associated Press.

## SINO-BRITISH RELATIONS

(Continued from Page 1)  
on details of the take over. A delegation to make a preliminary survey of the areas will soon be despatched.

He explained the Chinese Government's objection to discussion of this country's internal problems by the Foreign Ministers participating in the Moscow conference.

The Foreign Minister's report on Sino-French relations was confined to Indochina. The Chinese Government has asked for compensation for losses suffered by the large Chinese population there as a result of French-Vietnamese facilities, and has asked the French Government to protect Chinese residents and to give them most-favoured nation privileges.

Reparations  
With the end of the Pacific War, China's policy towards Japan has been tolerant rather than retaliatory. However, Mr. Wang warned that China must closely watch Japanese militarism and must not allow the reorganization of a Japanese army, which will threaten this nation's security.

China is scheduled to receive 15 per cent of reparations which will be allotted before the signing of a Japanese peace treaty and seeks from her material which can easily be transported and will aid most in the rehabilitation of the nation's commerce and industry.

He expressed the hope that the United States and Russia can reach an early agreement on Korean independence.

Overseas Chinese should not participate in internal conflicts in countries in which they reside, Mr. Wang said. The Chinese Government will support them in their legal rights.

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## Bill Flown To Mr. Truman

Washington, May 21.  
The United States \$100,000,000 bill for aid to Greece and Turkey, passed by Congress last week, was today flown to President Truman for his signature at Grand View, Massachusetts, where the President is now with his sick mother, the White House announced.

The ceremonial signing of the bill was to have been held last Monday but the final action necessary before the aid programme becomes law was postponed when President Truman rushed to his ailing mother's bedside.

The House of Representatives today agreed to the \$350,000,000 foreign aid relief programme as recommended by President Truman.

Earlier, the House defeated the move to return the bill to the Congressional Committee with the recommendation that foreign aid be limited to \$200,000,000.

The Senate passed the bill a few minutes after the House of Representatives had given it its approval. It will now go to the President for his signature.—Reuter.

## Miss Betz Professional

London, May 21.  
The brilliant amateur career of world tennis champion Panline Betz, virtually wound up for her by the action of the American Lawn Tennis Association, looks like blossoming out into a particularly successful professional career.

Miss Betz herself, slightly rueful about being suspended for sounding certain people about her prospects in the professional circuit, missed the final telegram from the American LTA when she left Monte Carlo recently by car for Paris because "ever since this suspension came up, hundreds of people have been calling and asking me questions I could not answer."

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## Dark Blues' Big Score

### Tourists' Bowling Flogged

Oxford University, declaring at 303 for nine wickets, knocked up their highest score of the season so far against the South Africans at Oxford. They declared with only seven minutes left for play, but the tourists played out time and scored nine runs with all wickets intact.

W. G. Keighley, in his second match for Oxford, hit a faultless 105 and practically ensured himself of a place in the Oxford side against Cambridge. He batted four and a quarter hours, during which time he showed exceptionally sound defence, and the fact that he hit 15 fours shows how well he picked out the balls to punish.

M.P. Donnelly, captain, batted in sparkling fashion while helping Keighley to add 84 for the third wicket and, despite a middle of the innings collapse, were good hitting came from Bloy and Tavers.

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## K.C.C. Getting Back To Normal

The resumption of KCC activities continues following the rehabilitation of the clubhouse.

A billiards table has been installed and it is now proposed to hold both billiards and snooker handicaps (A and B classes) for members.

Badminton, which was an important pre-war feature of the club, will restart before the end of the month. It is hoped to have the court ready for members by next week. It will be illuminated by a modern lighting system and it will be possible for members to play seven days of the week.

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